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SONIC



THE HEDGEHOG

THE
STORY THAT
WAS **TOO BIG**
FOR A SINGLE
ISSUE!!

THE
125TH
ISSUE
EXTRAVAGANZA
STARTS HERE—
SONIC
ADVENTURE
2.5
ALPHA



SPAZ
KIBETRO
JAW

Turtlingwing
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PLUS:
IN THIS CURRENT
CHAPTER OF
THE LATEST
ECHIDNA EPIC,
KNUGLES
FINDS HIMSELF
GETTING USED
TO LIVING IN
THE "AFTERLIFE"



WHERE... AM I? FEEL...
DISORIENTED...

ONE VESSEL
ON APPROACH...

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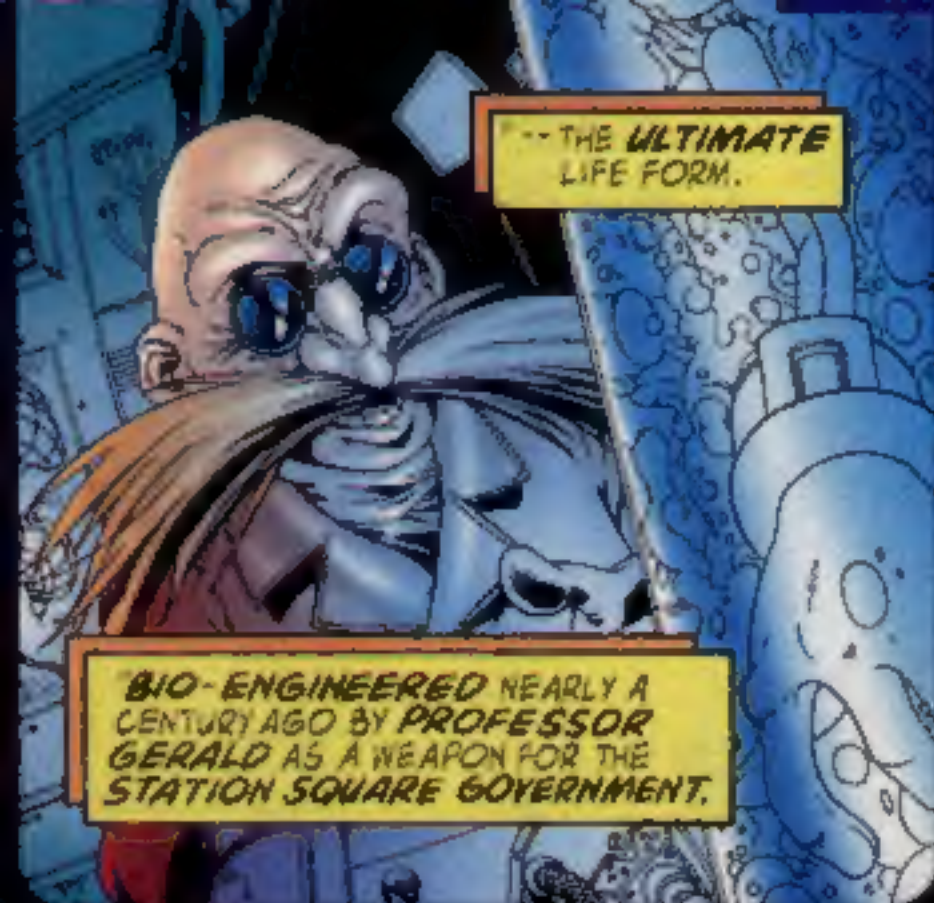
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...AND
ANOTHER
ONE LEAVING.
WHY?

SO MANY
QUESTIONS.

WAIT, I
REMEMBER.

I AM SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG.



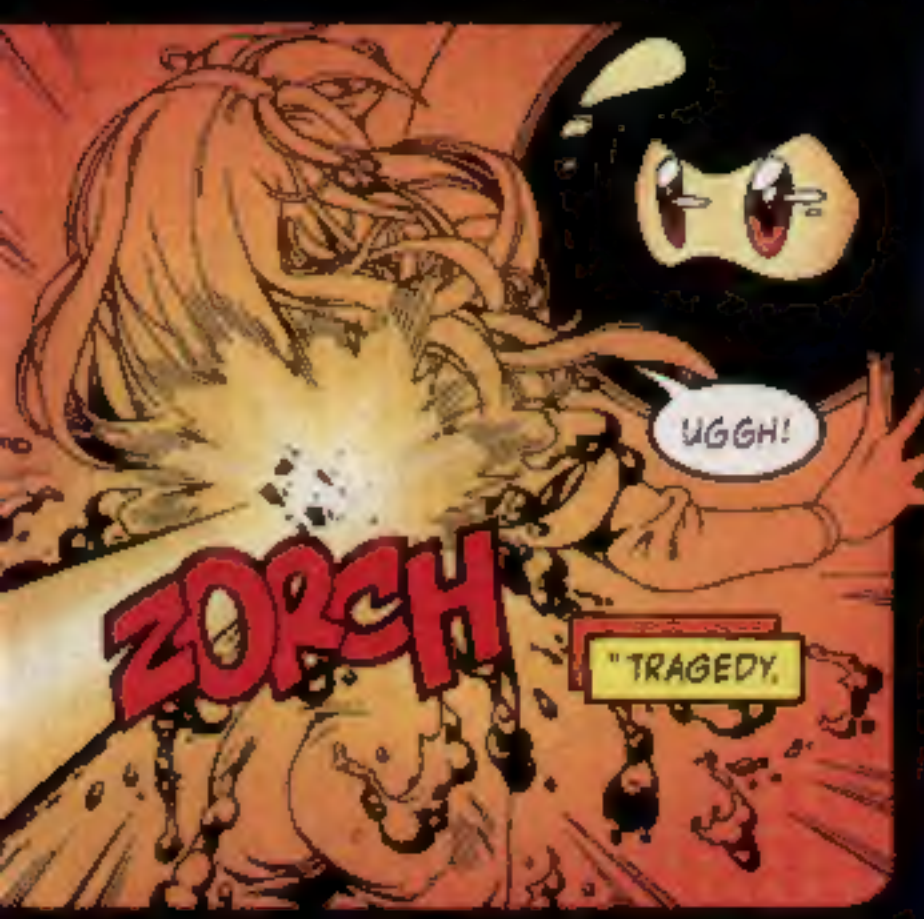
-- THE **ULTIMATE** LIFE FORM.

BIO-ENGINEERED NEARLY A CENTURY AGO BY PROFESSOR GERALD AS A WEAPON FOR THE STATION SQUARE GOVERNMENT.



"THE ONLY FRIEND I MADE DURING MY BRIEF TIME ABOARD HIS SOPHISTICATED SPACE LAB, THE ARK--

-- WAS HIS GRANDDAUGHTER MARIA. SHE WAS KIND, BUT THEN--



"TRAGEDY.



"I WAS LOCKED AWAY IN **STASIS**--

-- UNTIL GERALD'S DESCENDANT, THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, FREED ME AND I BECAME HIS ALLY.



"I WANTED THE WORLD TO PAY FOR MARIA--

-- BUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG MADE ME SEE THE LIGHT--

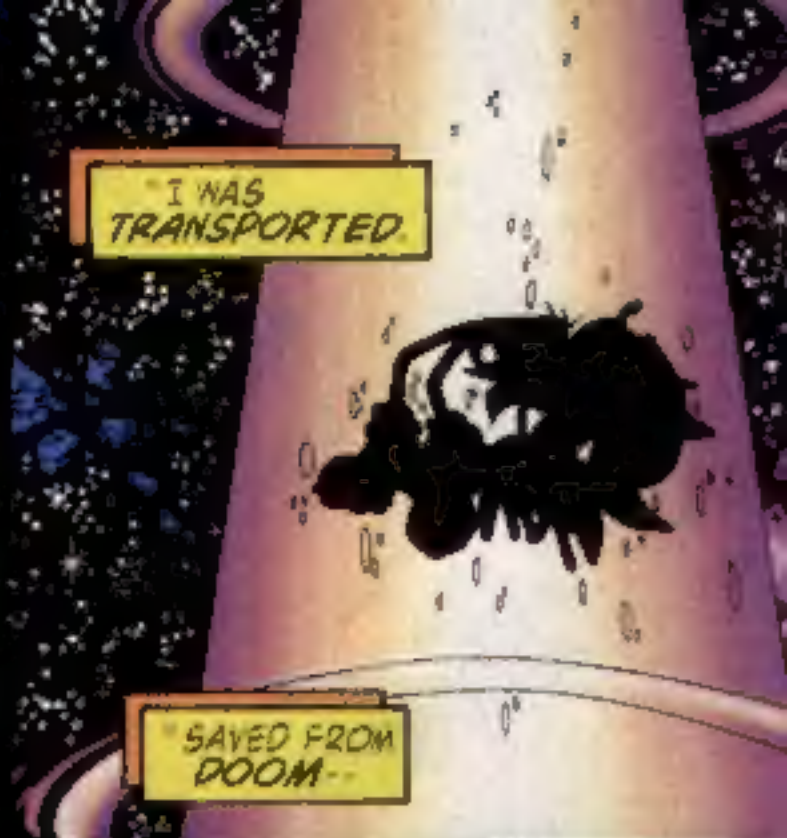


-- AND I MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO SAVE PLANET MOBIUS."



"I REMEMBER
FALLING
TOWARD HER
SURFACE."

"BLACKING
OUT."



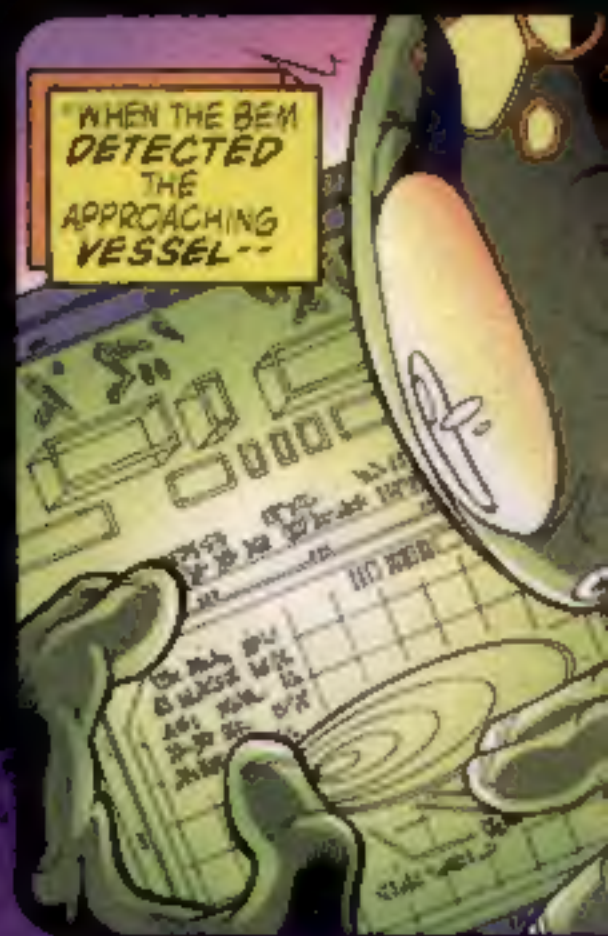
"I WAS
TRANSPORTED."

"SAVED FROM
DOOM--"



"--BY A GROUP
OF ALIEN
SCIENTISTS
CALLED THE
BEM WHOSE
SHIP WAS IN
ORBIT."

"THEY RESTORED
ME TO HEALTH.
I DO NOT KNOW
WHY."



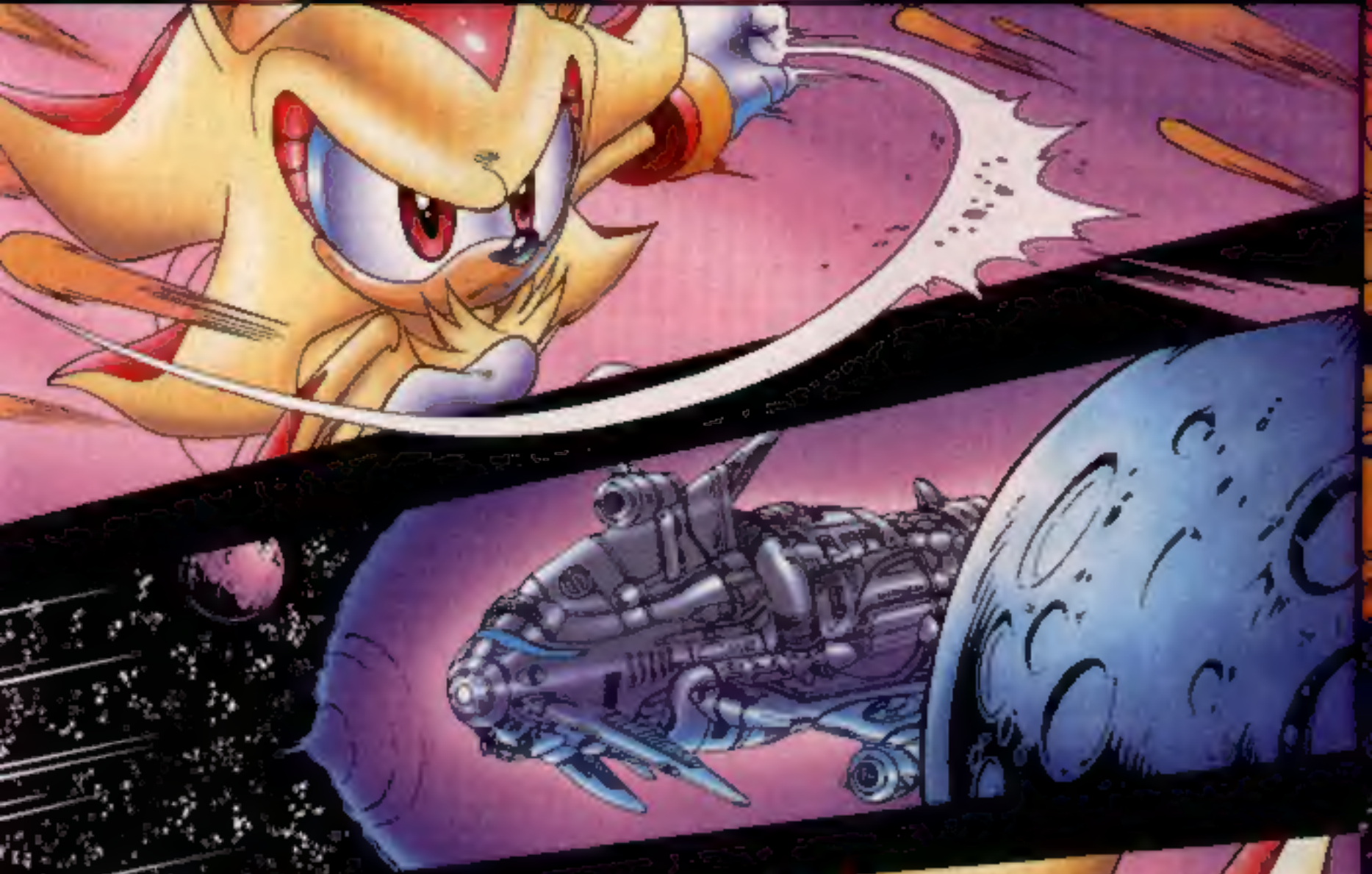
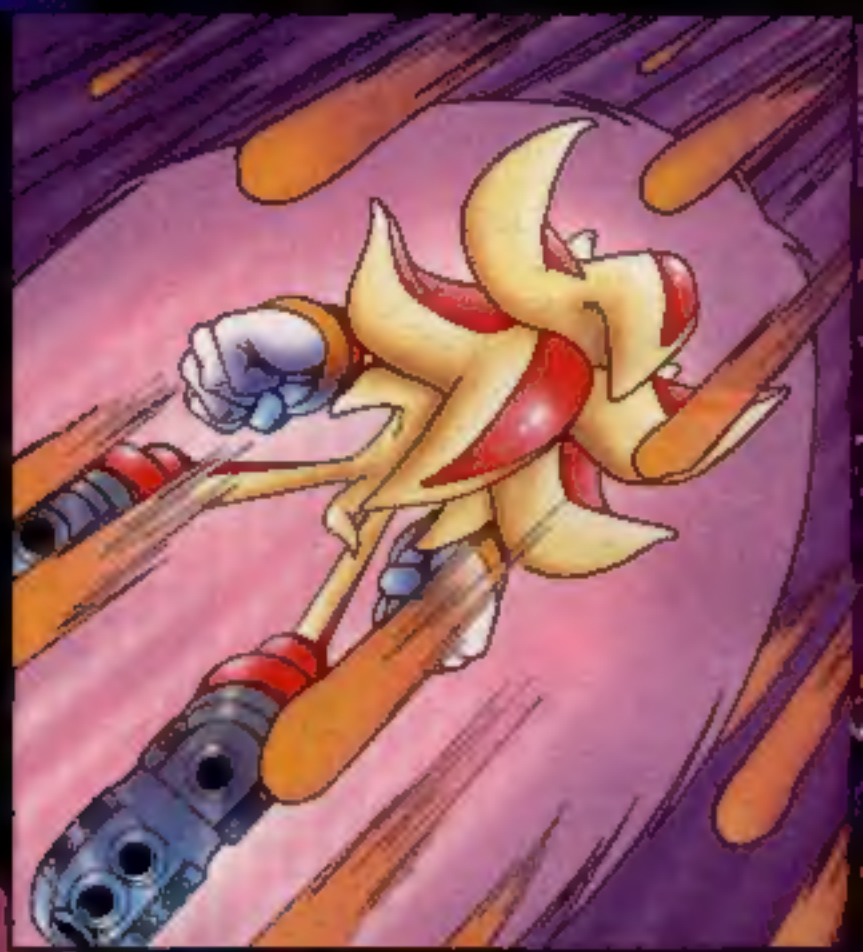
"WHEN THE BEM
DETECTED
THE
APPROACHING
VESSEL--"

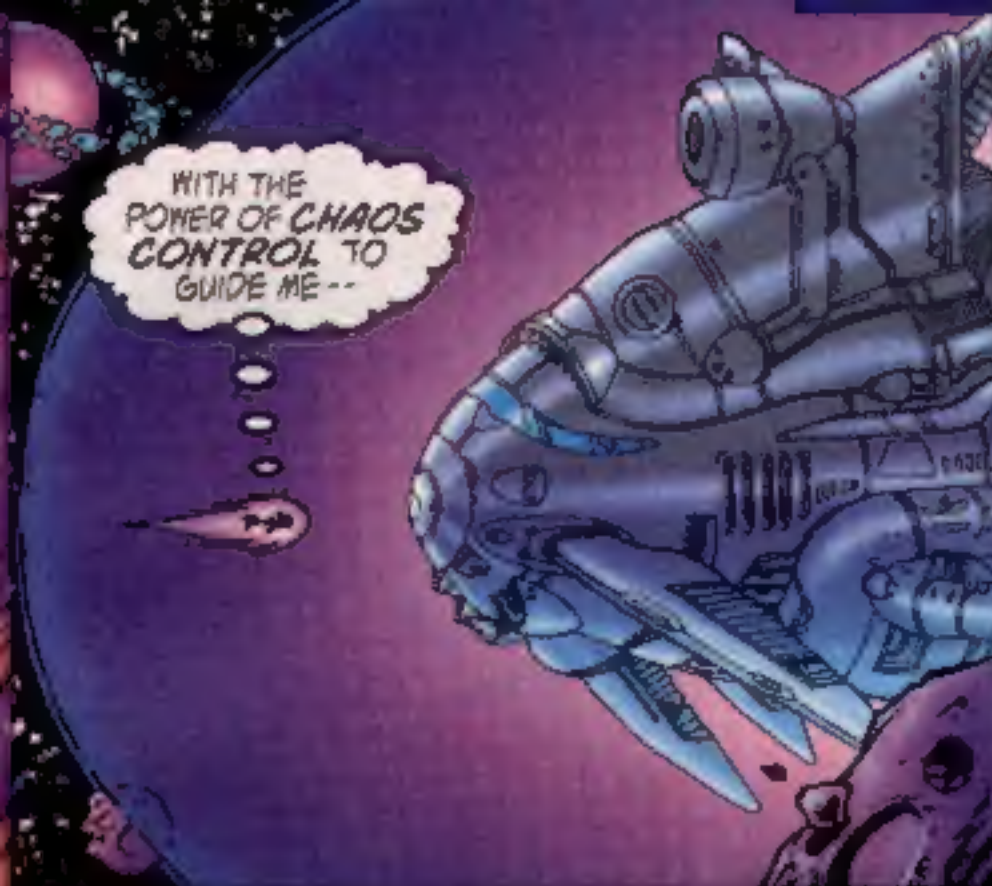


"--THEY AWAKENED
ME IMBUING ME WITH
ENOUGH ENERGY TO
ATTAIN SUPER
SHADOW FORM--"



"--TO BATTLE
THIS NEW THREAT
WHILE THEY MADE
THEIR ESCAPE."





KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

YOWWWWWW!

ARE WE GOING ON AN ADVENTURE?

...I GOT SOME OTHER STUFF TO TAKE CARE OF!

HUH, SONIC? HUH, SONIC? HUH, SONIC?

SORRY, TAILS BUT NOT TODAY...

AWWW...

DON'T WORRY, BUD, WE'VE GOT TOMORROW...

...AND THE REST OF OUR LIVES FOR ADVENTURES!

G'MORNING, MOM AND DAD! WHAT'S SHAKIN' UNCLE CHUCK?

JOIN US FOR A BITE O' BREAKFAST BOYS?

YUMMY!

NOT SONIC! HE'S GOT A ROYAL DATE!

THANKS! SEE YA LATER!

GOOD LUCK, SON!

HE DOESN'T NEED LUCK. HE'LL DO FINE.

GROND CHOMP BUNCH



SOON...

OH, SONIC...
I'VE MISSED
YOU SO MUCH!

I
MISSED YOU
TOO, SAL...



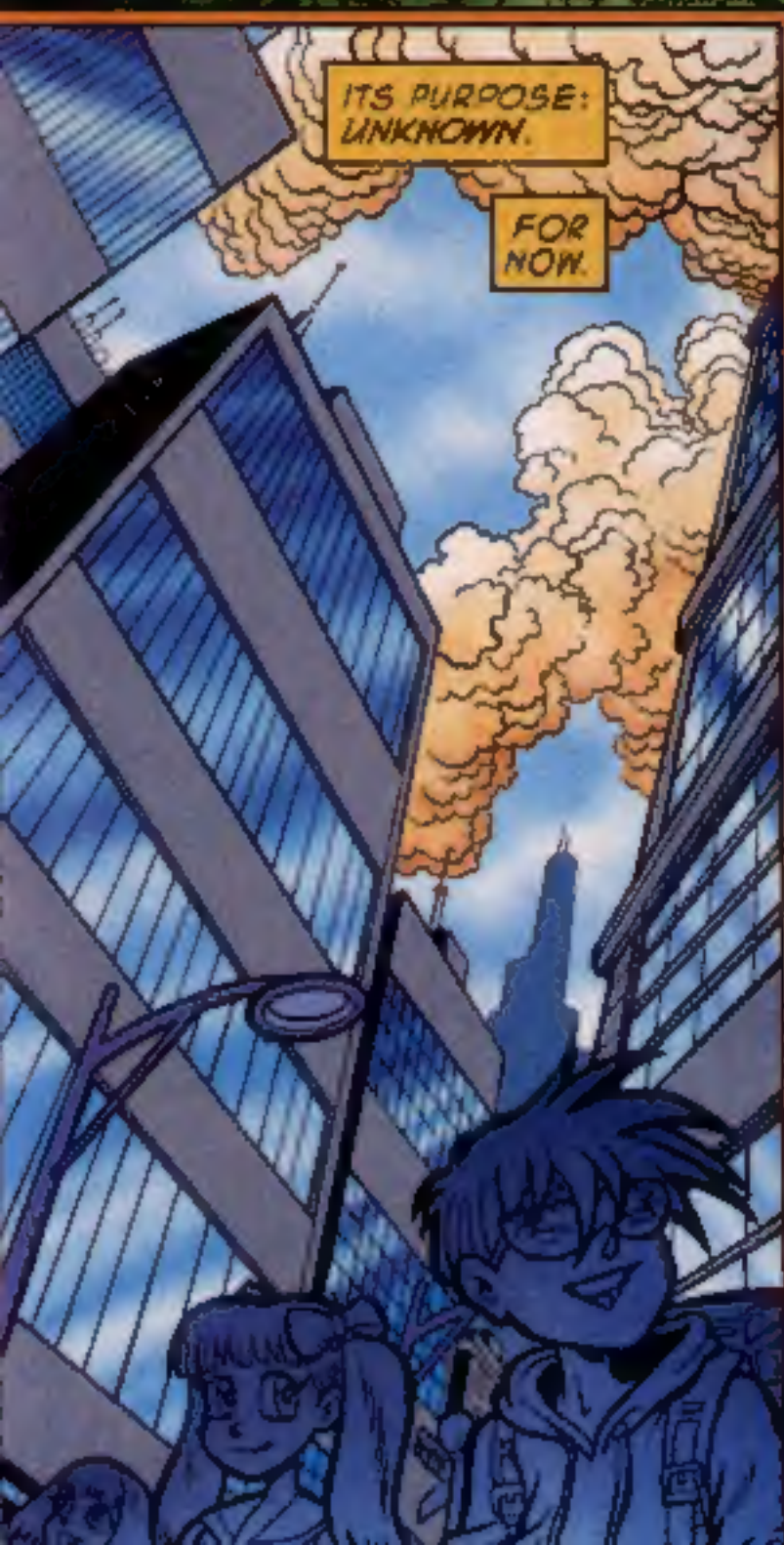
SO, ARE YOU
READY TO POP THE
QUESTION?

AM
I!



MEANWHILE, THE
MYSTERIOUS SPACE
VESSEL--

--HAS MOVED INTO
POSITION OVER THE
MOUNTAIN ENTRANCE
OF STATION SQUARE.



ITS PURPOSE:
UNKNOWN.

FOR
NOW.



WELL, MISTER
PRESIDENT?

WHAT DO
YOU SAY?



AN
ALLIANCE
BETWEEN YOUR
CITY AND
MINE.



"WHY IMAGINE IF STATION SQUARE HAD A ROBOTIC POLICE FORCE ON PAR WITH THE ONE HERE IN MEGAOPOLIS."



DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH, ROBOTNIK! WE'D NEVER JOIN WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!



WRONG ANSWER!

HONK HOOOONK

SQUEEEEE

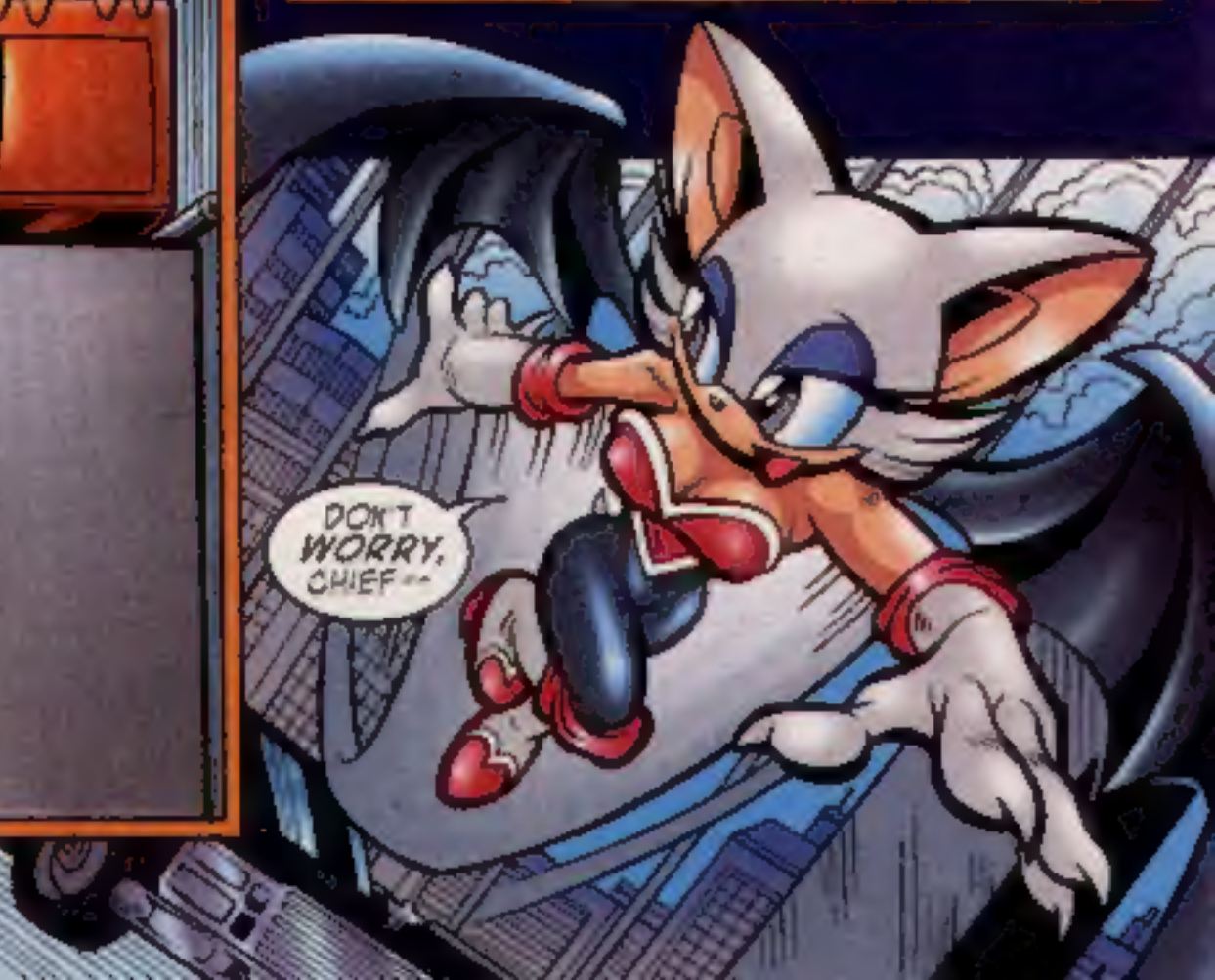


CORBIN, YOU'RE IN THE ONCOMING TRAFFIC LANE! WE'RE HEADED FOR THAT SEMI-TRUCK! MOVE!

IT'S NOT ME, SIR!



THAT'S RIGHT...
...I'M CONTROLLING YOUR LIMOUSINE VIA REMOTE!
MAYBE YOUR SUCCESSOR WILL BE MORE WILLING TO DO BUSINESS.
TA-TA.



DON'T WORRY, CHIEF



--I'VE GOTCHA!

ROUGE THE BAT!

YES, SIR
YOU COULDN'T
ASK FOR A BETTER
FIELD OP FOR A
RESCUE OF THIS
NATURE!

CORBIN!



DON'T WORRY,
I'LL SAVE
HIM--

--BUT GETTING
YOU TO SAFETY IS
MY FIRST
PRIORITY!



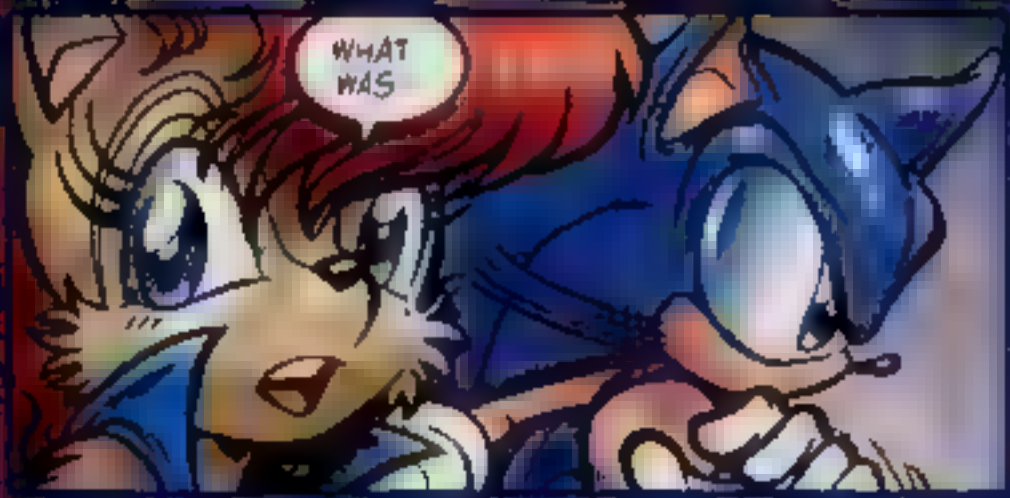
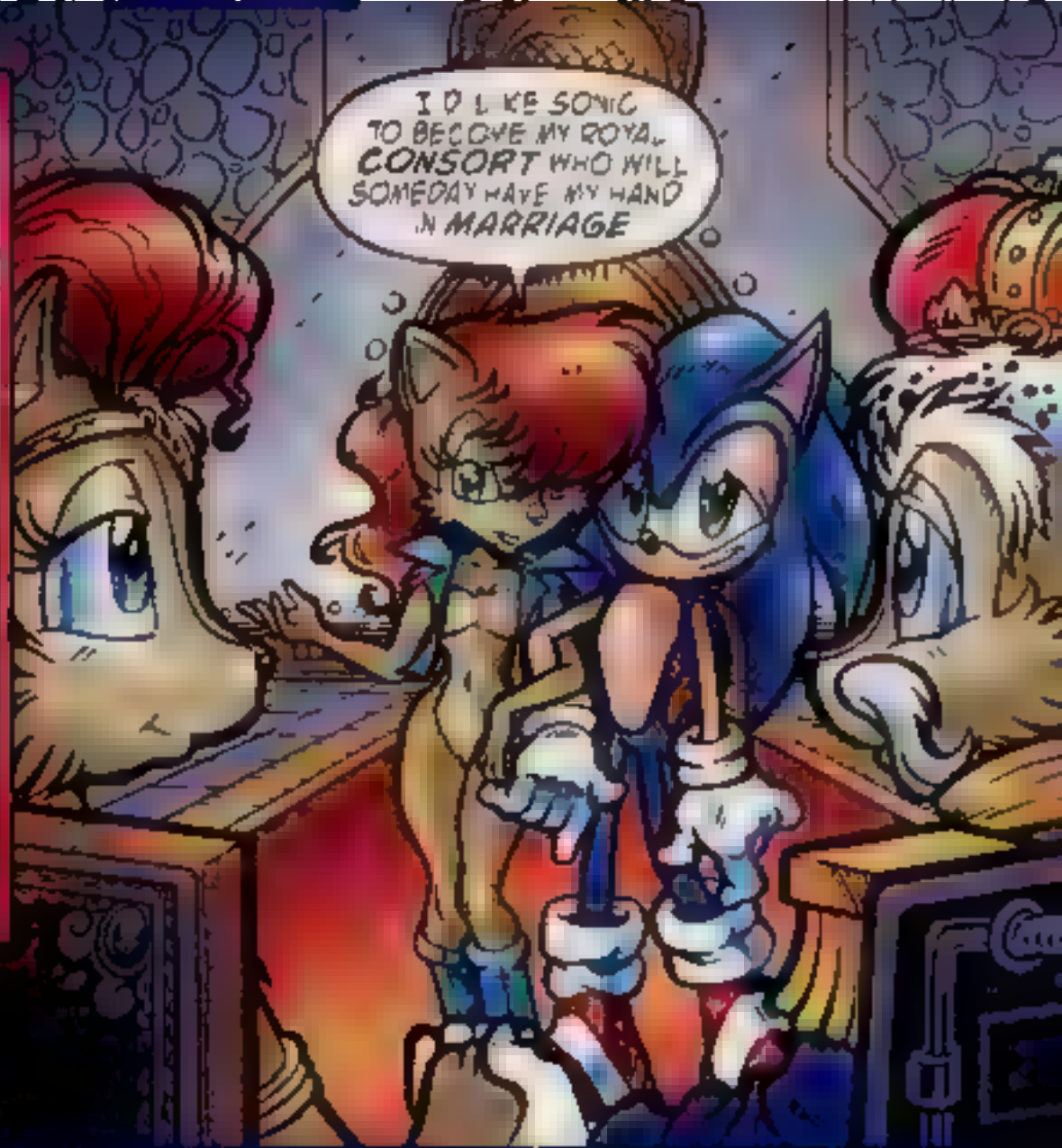
WHAT
NOW?!

DEAR LORD!
THE SKY-DOME--



--IT'S
SHATTERED



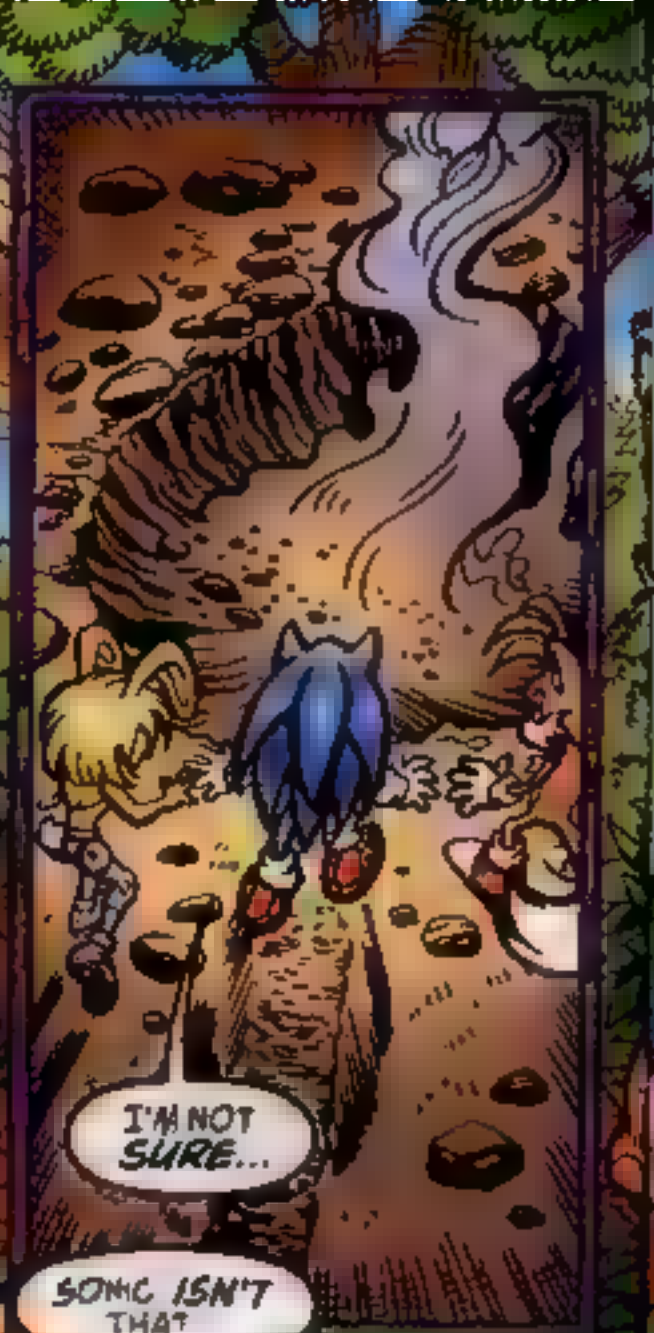




GOOD QUESTION.

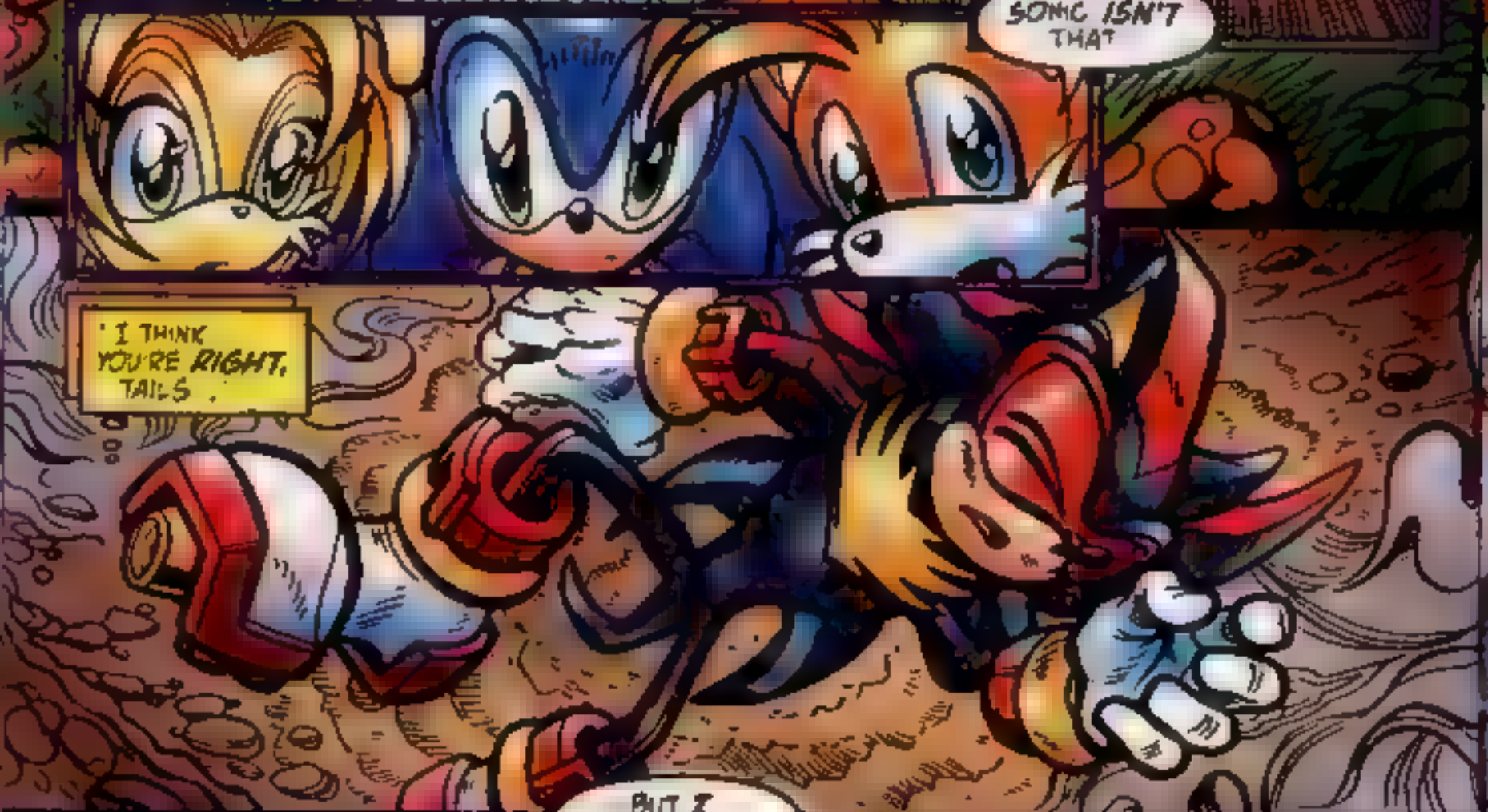
WE HEARD A RUCKUS SUGAH-HOG

WHAT'S GOING ON?



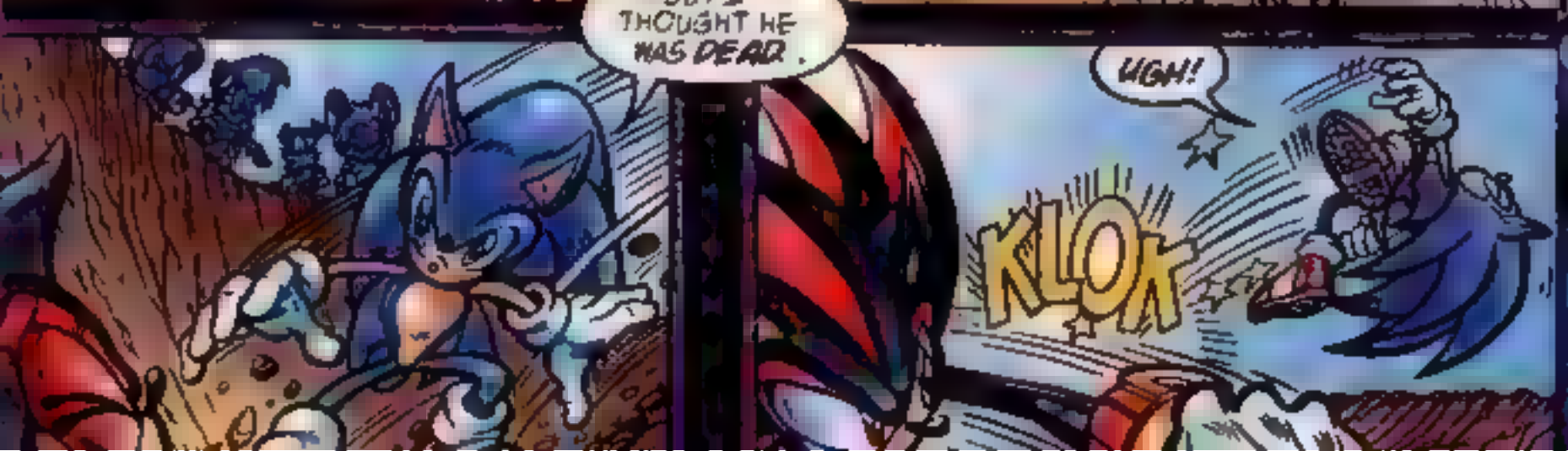
I'M NOT SURE...

SOME ISN'T THAT



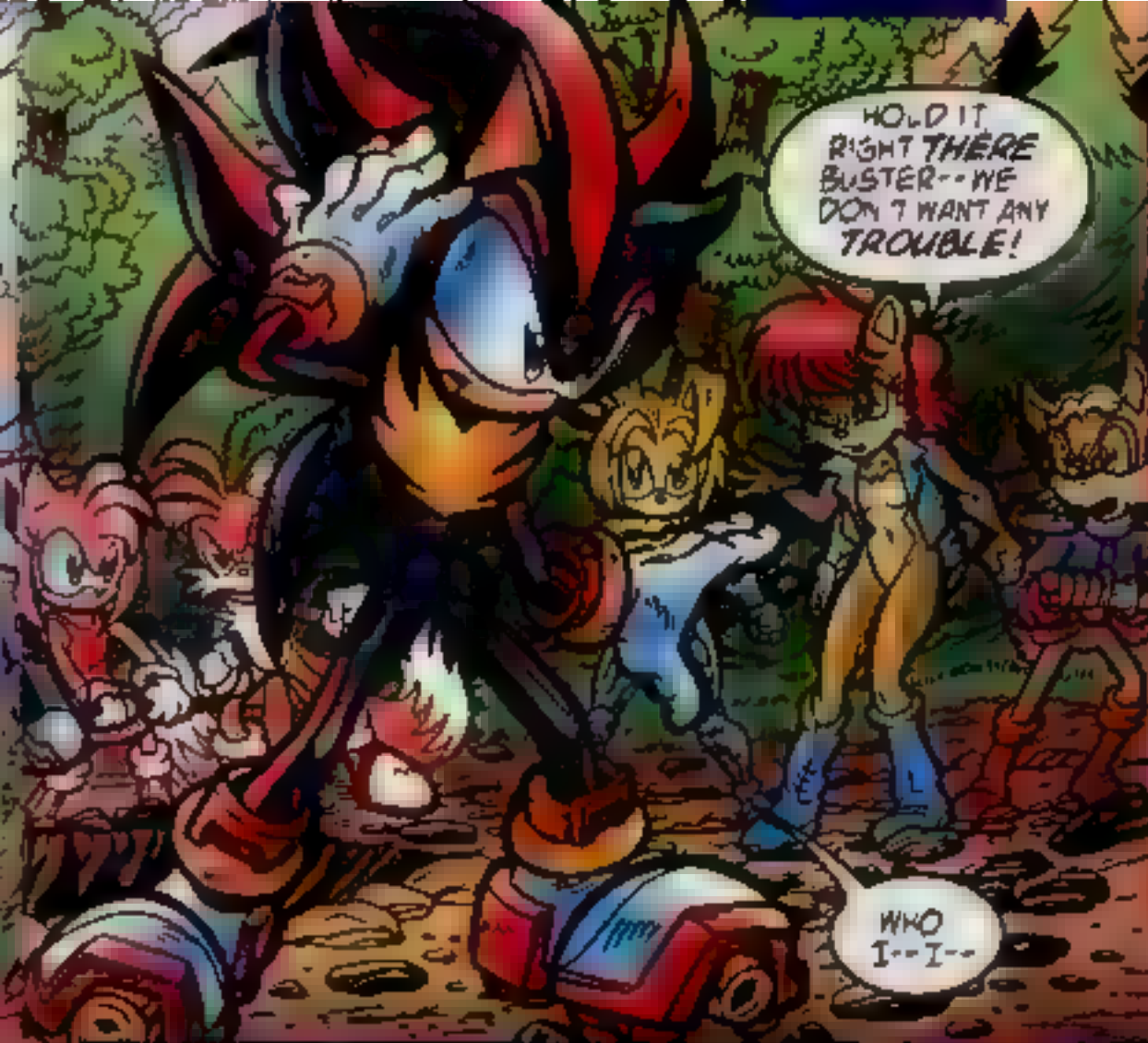
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, TAILS

BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD.



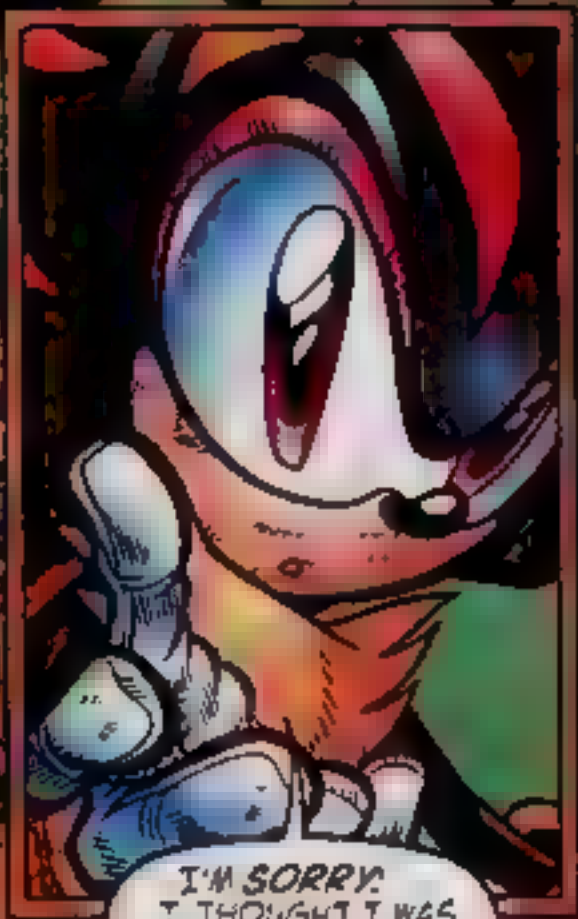
UGH!

KLOK

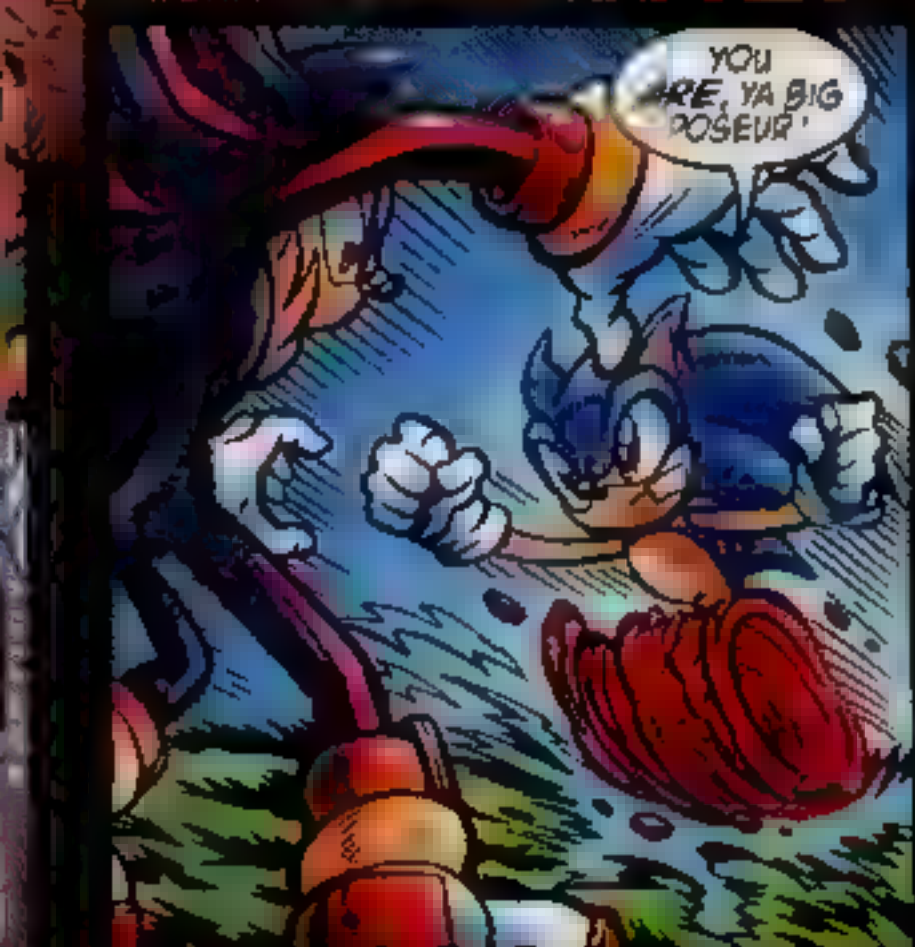


HOLD IT
RIGHT THERE
BUSTER-- WE
DON'T WANT ANY
TROUBLE!

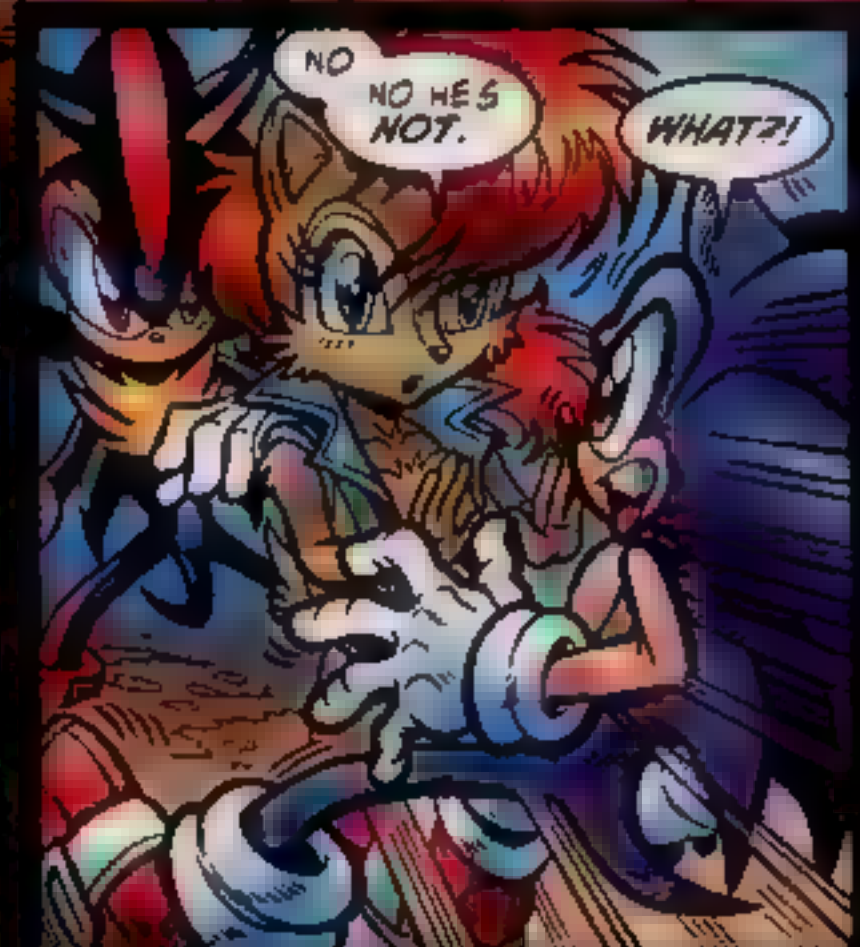
WHO
I--I--



I'M SORRY.
I THOUGHT I WAS
STILL UNDER
ATTACK

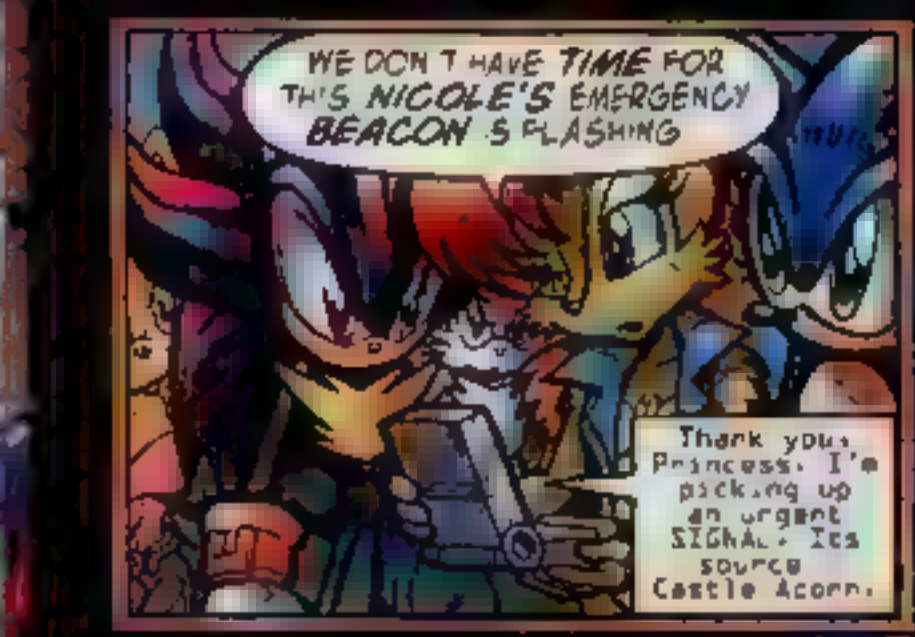


YOU
ARE, YA BIG
ROSEUR!



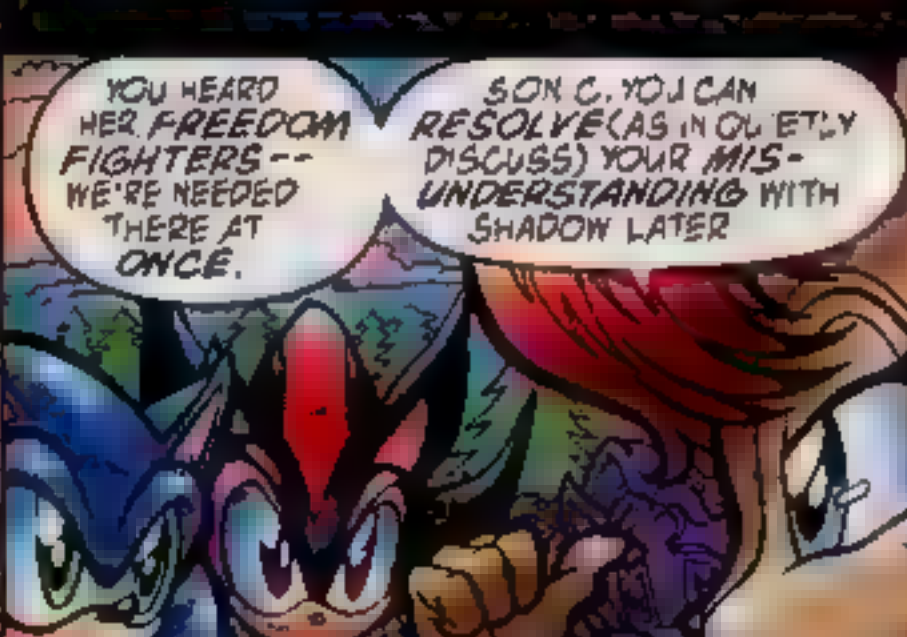
NO
NO HE'S
NOT.

WHAT?!



WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR
THIS NICOLE'S EMERGENCY
BEACON'S FLASHING

Thank you,
Princess. I'm
picking up
an urgent
signal. Its
source
Castle Acorn.



YOU HEARD
HER FREEDOM
FIGHTERS--
WE'RE NEEDED
THERE AT
ONCE.

SON C, YOU CAN
RESOLVE (AS IN QUIETLY
DISCUSS) YOUR MIS-
UNDERSTANDING WITH
SHADOW LATER

SOON

I DESCENDED
FROM THE HEAVENS AND
ATTACKED THE VERY
HEART OF MY EMPIRE

SOME KIND OF
FLYING VESSEL ITS
TECHNOLOGY ON PAR
WITH MY OWN!

SCORES OF SHADOW-BOTS
WERE INSTANTLY ANNIHILATED

"POOR SNIVELY
S MISSING

MEGAOPOLIS
LIES IN RUINS."

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE ANY-
THING YOU SAY? ALL YOU'VE
EVER DONE IS TRY TO
HURT ME AND MY
KINGDOM.

DESPITE HIS PAST
TREACHERY, I THINK
THE EGGMAN SPEAKS
THE TRUTH NOW

I ENCOUNTERED
THE VESSEL EARLIER

Incoming
HOLD-TRANSMIT
from Station
Square-

KNOTHOLE
:SQWKKKK: STATION
SQUARE :SQWKKKK:
ATTACKED :SQWKKKK:
PRESIDENT :SQWKKKK:
INJURED

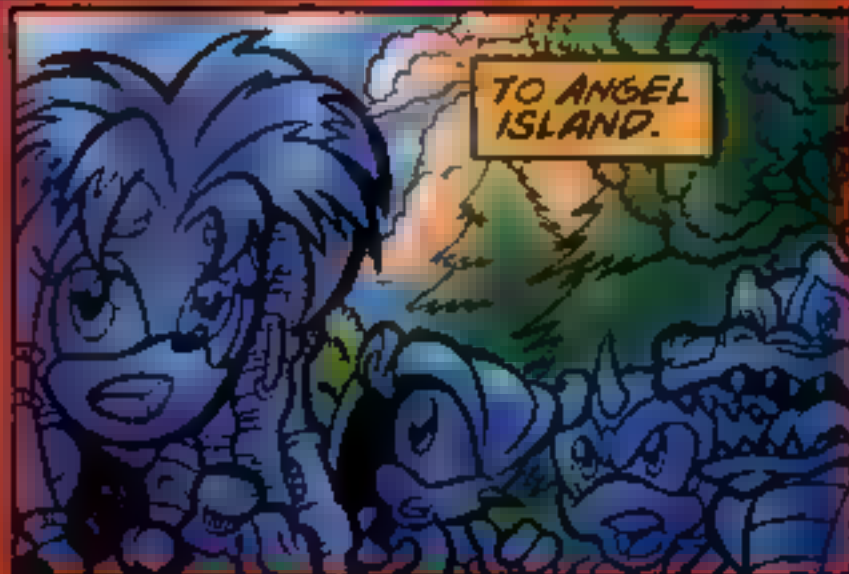


BUT IF
THIS IS ALL
TRUE...

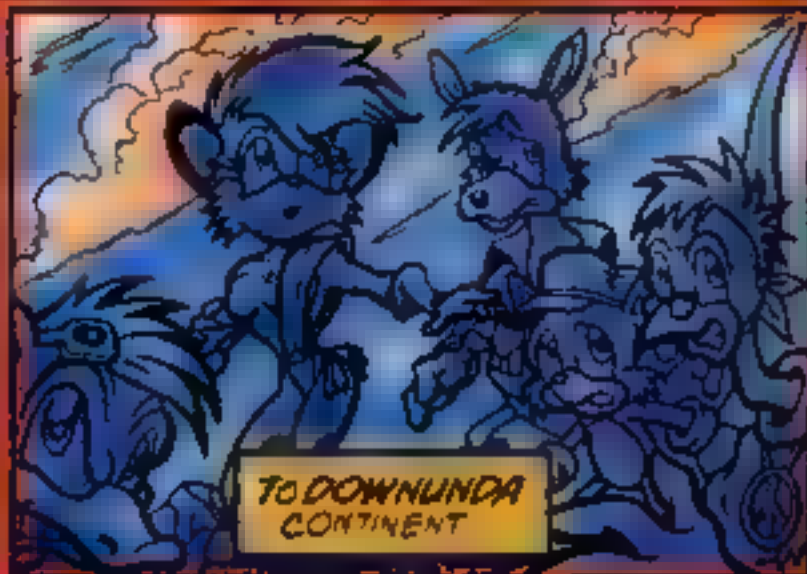
WHO ON MOBI IS
RESPONSIBLE?

THEN, SUDDENLY AS IF
IN RESPONSE TO SONIC'S
QUESTION

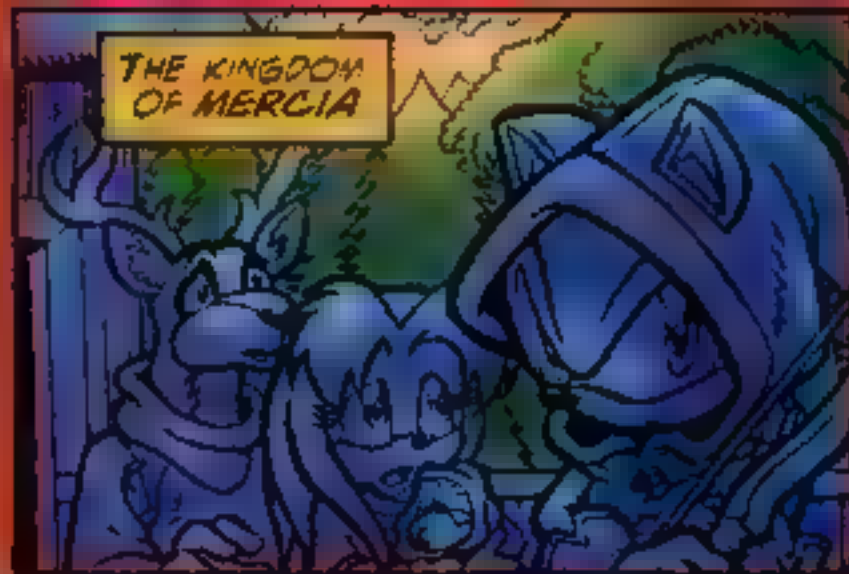
--A TELEPATHIC
MESSAGE GOES
OUT ACROSS THE
FACE OF THE
GLOBE.



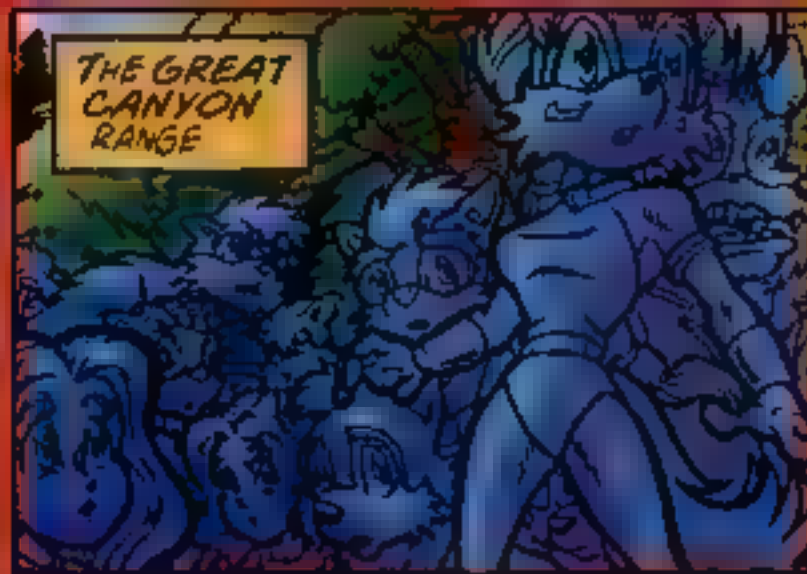
TO ANGEL
ISLAND.



TO DOWNUNDA
CONTINENT



THE KINGDOM
OF MERCIA



THE GREAT
CANYON
RANGE

EVERYWHERE
NO HIND LEFT
UNTOUCHED

SENTIENT
INHABITANTS OF
PLANET
EARTH.

WE ARE THE
XORDA

OBSERVE
THRICE MILLENIA
PAST

THE XORDA CAME
TO THIS MUD-
SPHERE TO OFFER
AN ALLIANCE
TO THE HUMAN
POPULACE

"PEACE

AN EMISSARY
WAS DISPATCHED
TO THE SURFACE
OF YOUR EARTH

BUT WAS INSTEAD
CAPTURED

IMPRISONED

DISSECTED

"THE XORDA
REACTION--

--WAS A
STRONG
ONE

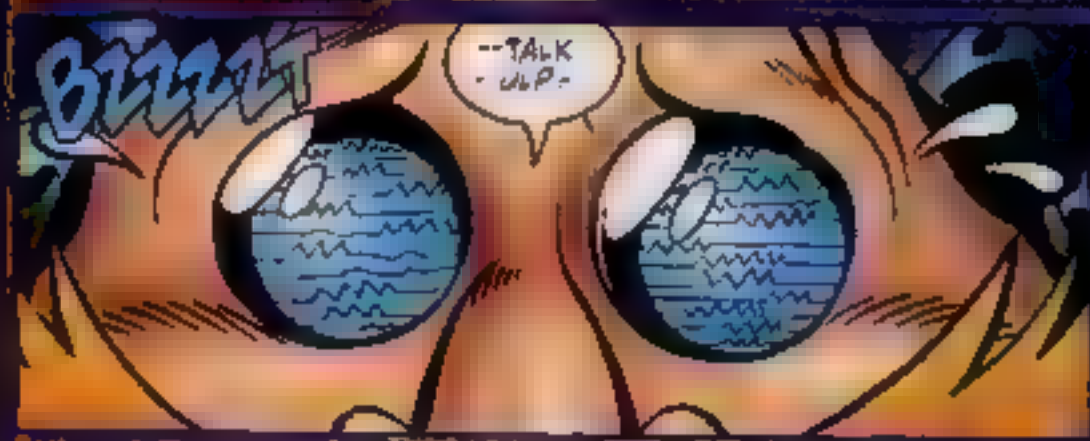
THE XORDA
THOUGHT THE 2
GENE-BOMBS
HAD EXTINGUISHED
ALL LIFE HERE
THAT DAY

THE XORDA
WERE WRONG

THE XORDA
HAVE RETURNED
TO CORRECT THAT
OVERSIGHT

FIDDLESTICKS

MAX ITS
BECOMING
APPARENT
THAT WE
SERIOUSLY
NEED TO--



--TALK
- ULP -

DAD YOU ENDED ROBOTNIK'S
TRANSMISSION MID-SENTENCE.
WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN WISER TO
HEAR HIM OUT?

ON THE
OPPOSITE SALLY
HE'S NO LONGER
ROBOTIC NO LONGER
INVINCIBLE

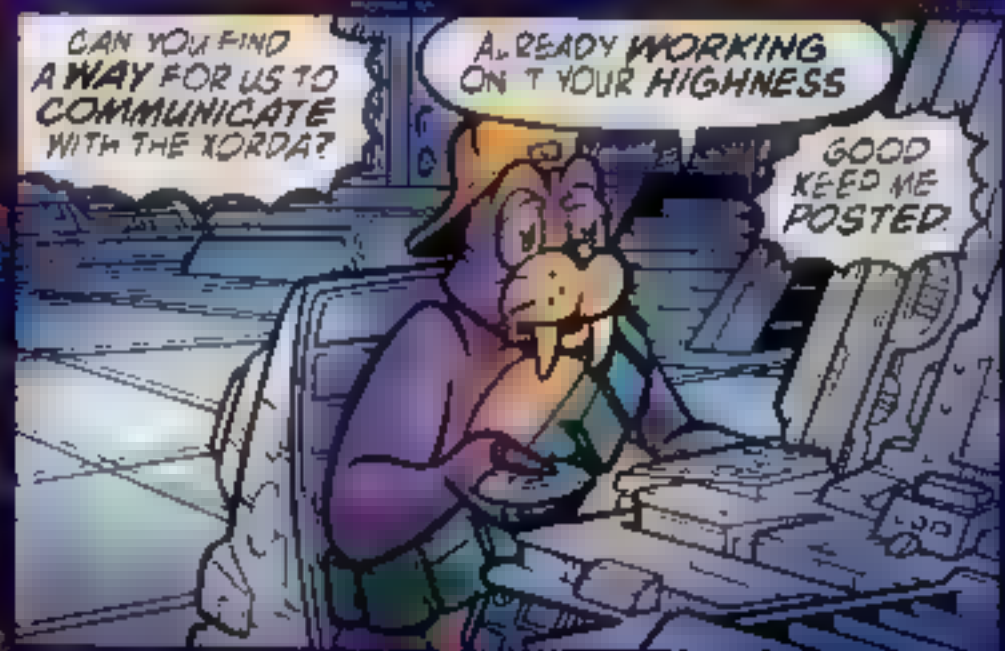
IN THE
MEANTIME
ROTOR?

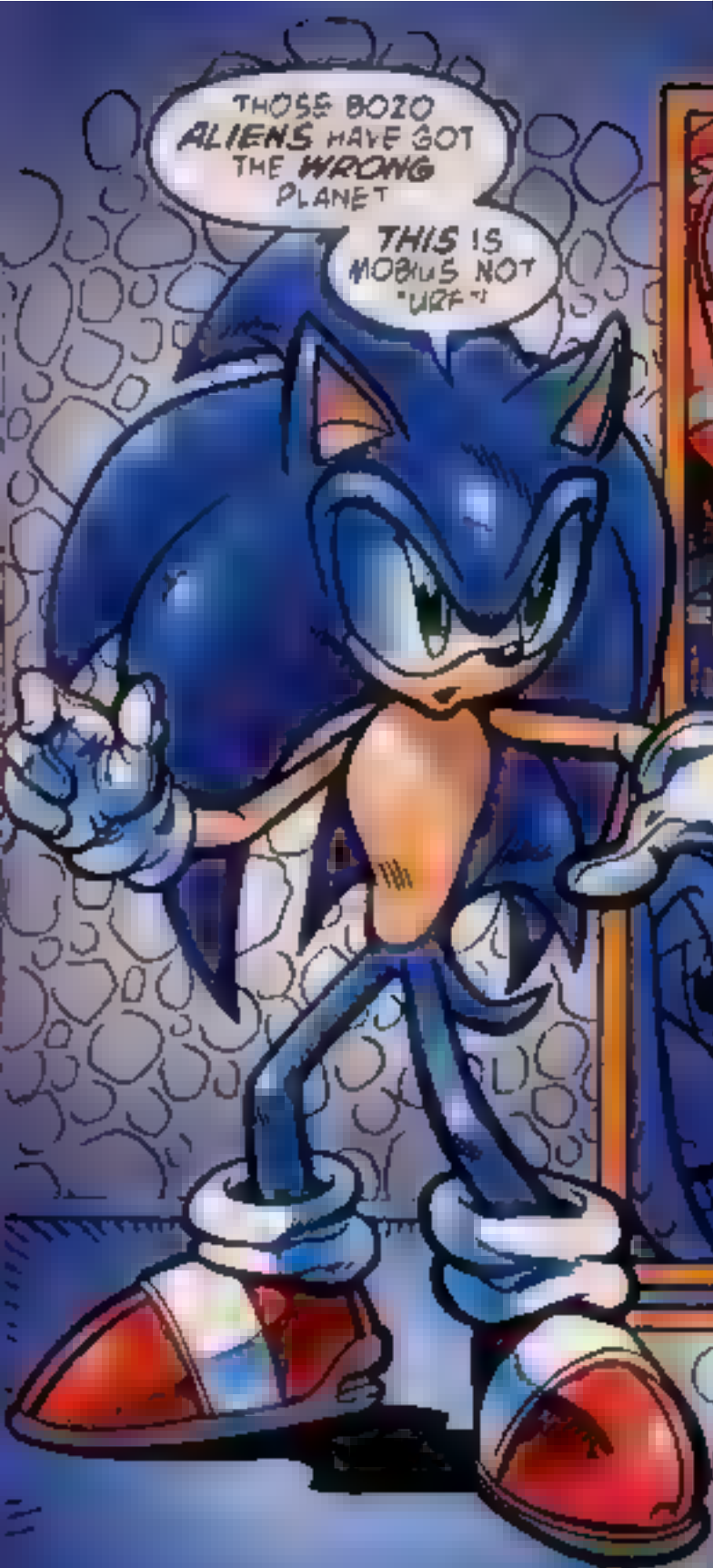
CAN YOU FIND
A WAY FOR US TO
COMMUNICATE
WITH THE XORDA?

ALREADY WORKING
ON IT YOUR HIGHNESS

GOOD
KEEP ME
POSTED

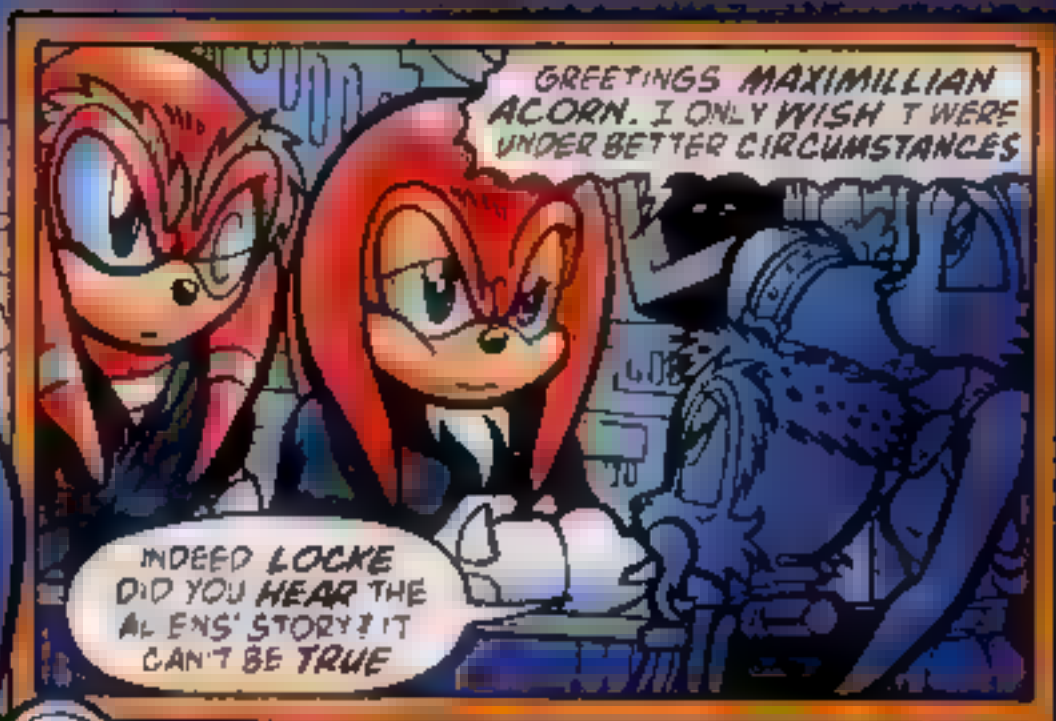
FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN A
LONG TIME WE'S
SCARED BETTER
TO LET HIM
SWEAT WE CAN
USE IT TO OUR
ADVANTAGE.





THOSE BOZO
ALIENS HAVE GOT
THE **WRONG**
PLANET

THIS IS
MOBIUS NOT
"URF"

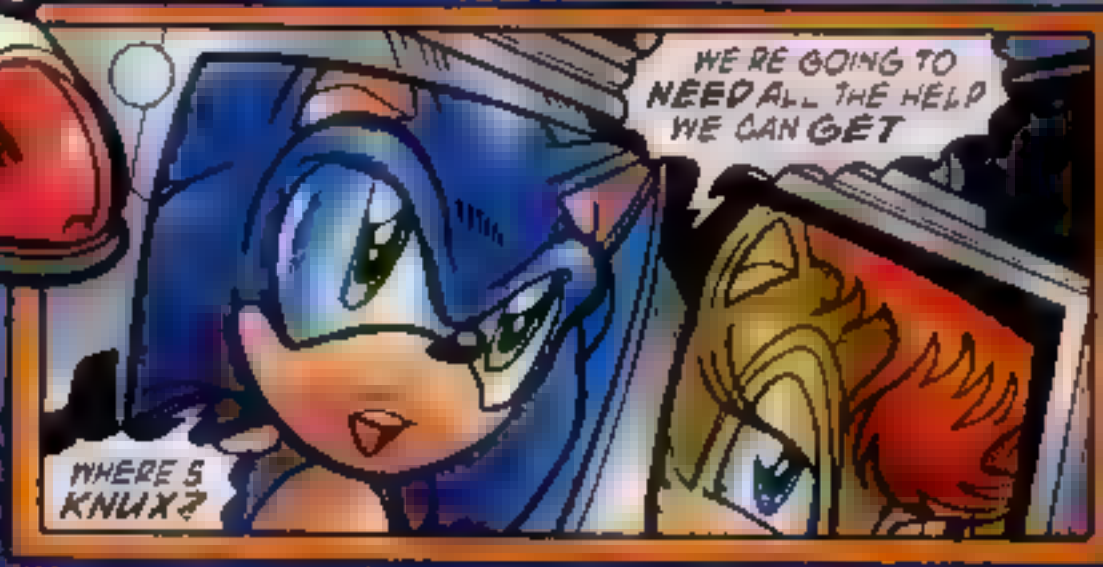


GREETINGS MAXIMILLIAN
ACORN. I ONLY WISH I WERE
UNDER BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES

INDEED LOCKE
DID YOU HEAR THE
ALIENS' STORY? IT
CAN'T BE TRUE



THEY BELIEVE I AND AS LONG AS THEY DO
THIS PLANET IS IN GRAVE DANGER.



WE'RE GOING TO
NEED ALL THE HELP
WE CAN GET

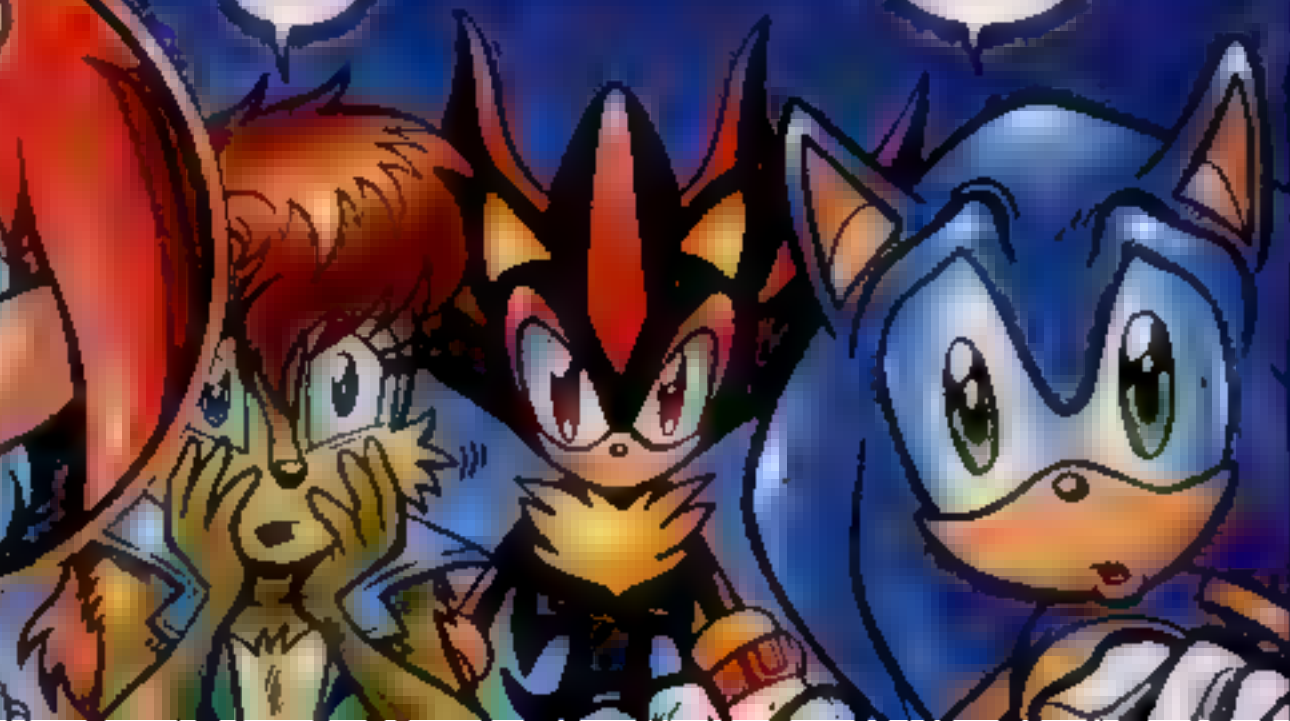
WHERE'S
KNUX?

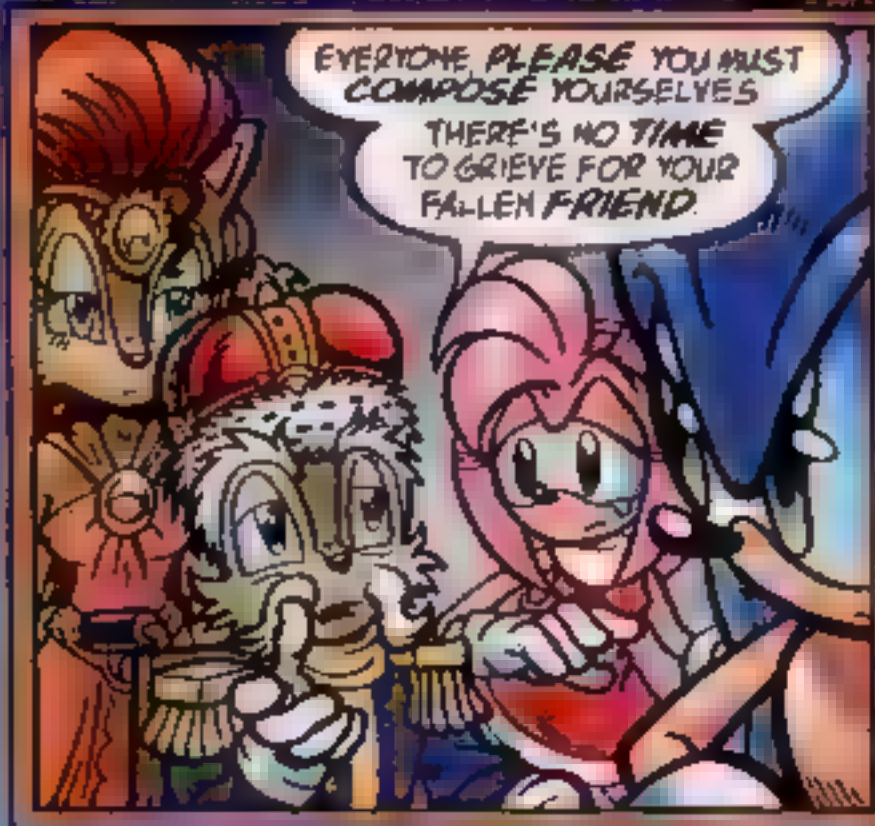


SONIC
KNUCKLES IS
DEAD.

NO!!

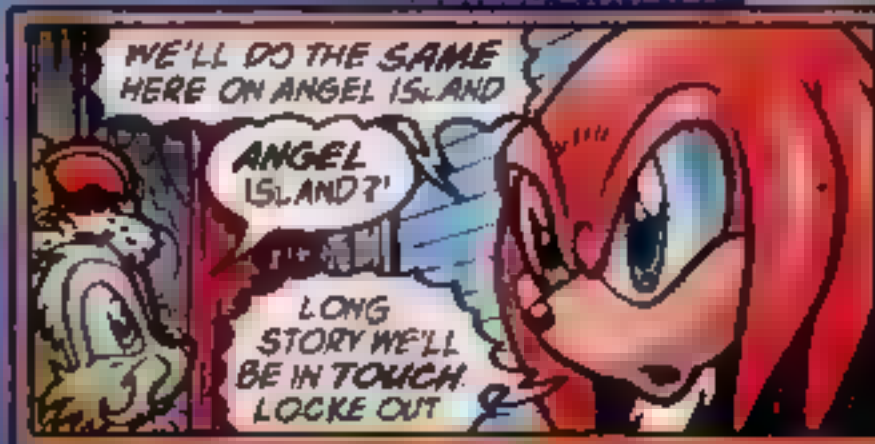
HOW?!





EVERYONE PLEASE YOU MUST COMPOSE YOURSELVES THERE'S NO TIME TO GRIEVE FOR YOUR FALLEN FRIEND.

HE-HE'S RIGHT. NICOLE AND I ARE GOING TO DO SOME HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

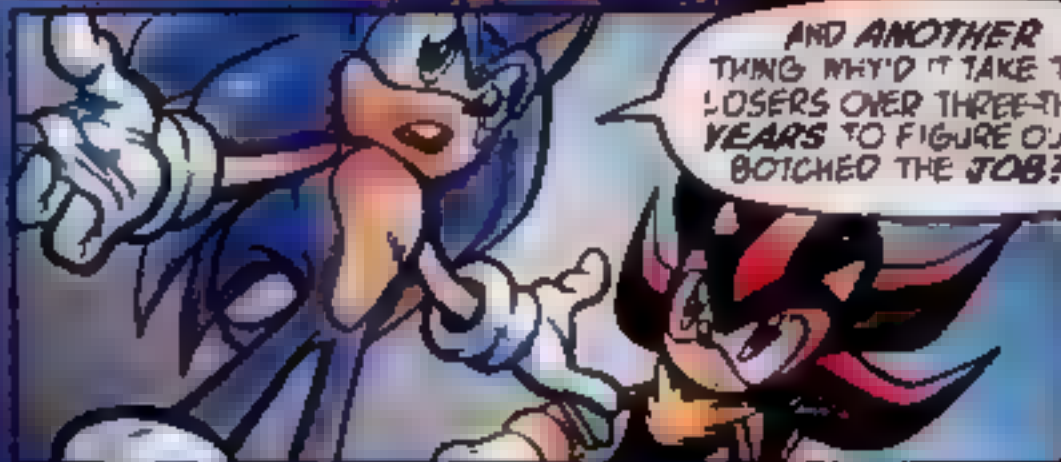


WE'LL DO THE SAME HERE ON ANGEL ISLAND

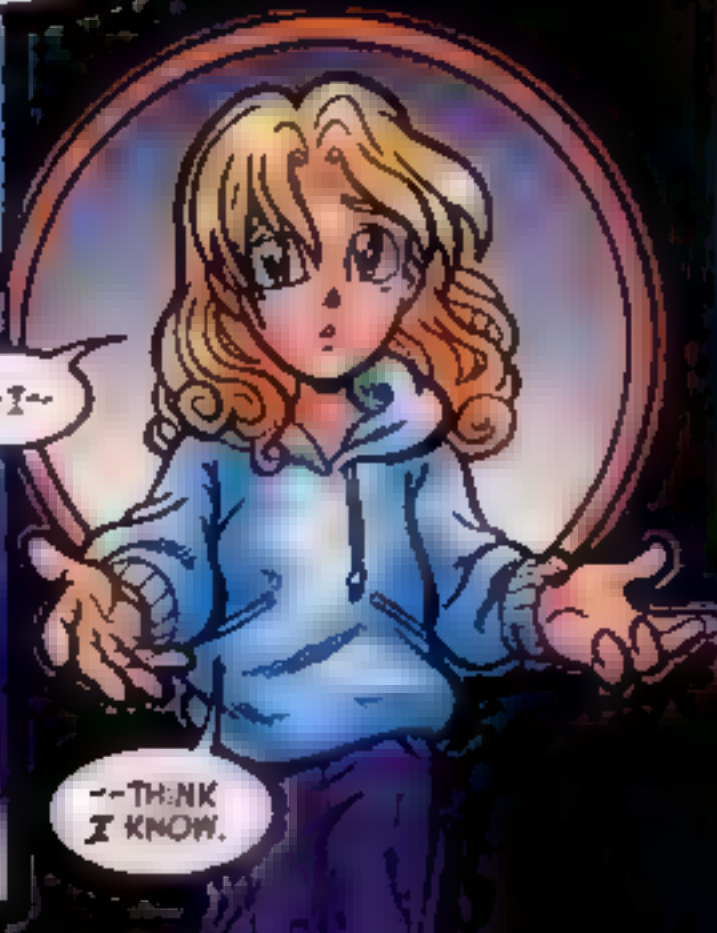
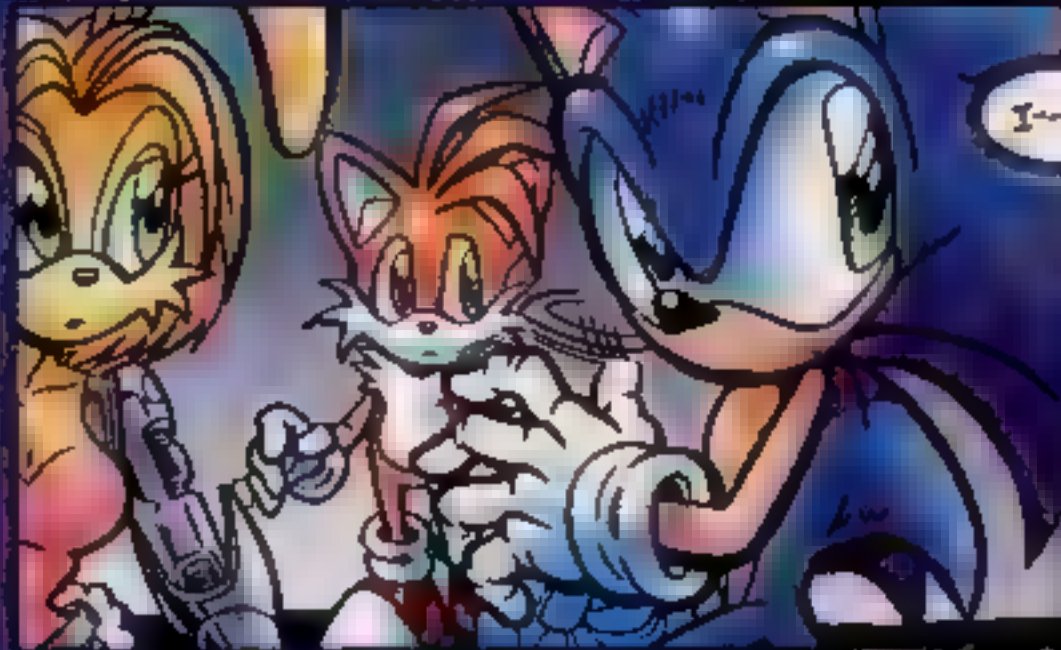
ANGEL ISLAND?

LONG STORY WE'LL BE IN TOUCH. LOCKE OUT

WE'LL FIND A WAY TO PROVE THE XORDA ARE WRONGS!

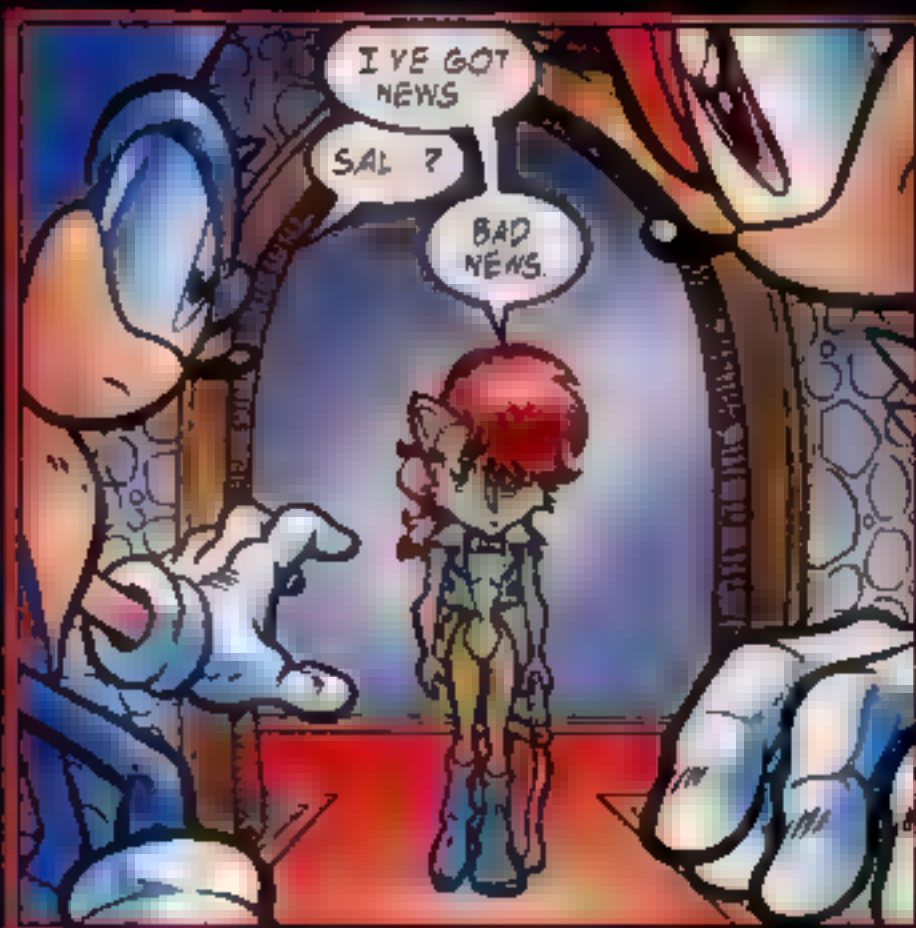
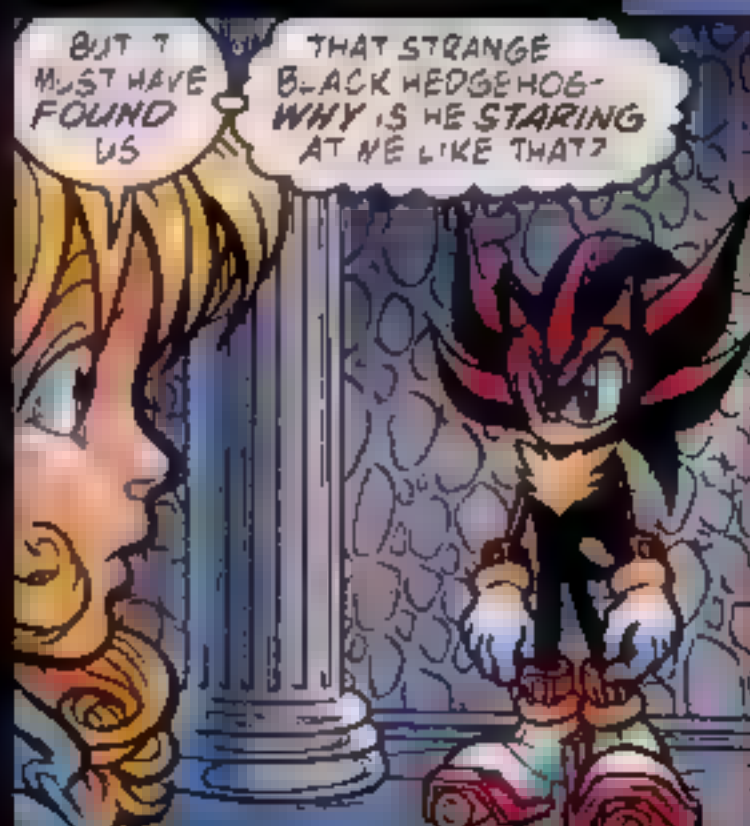
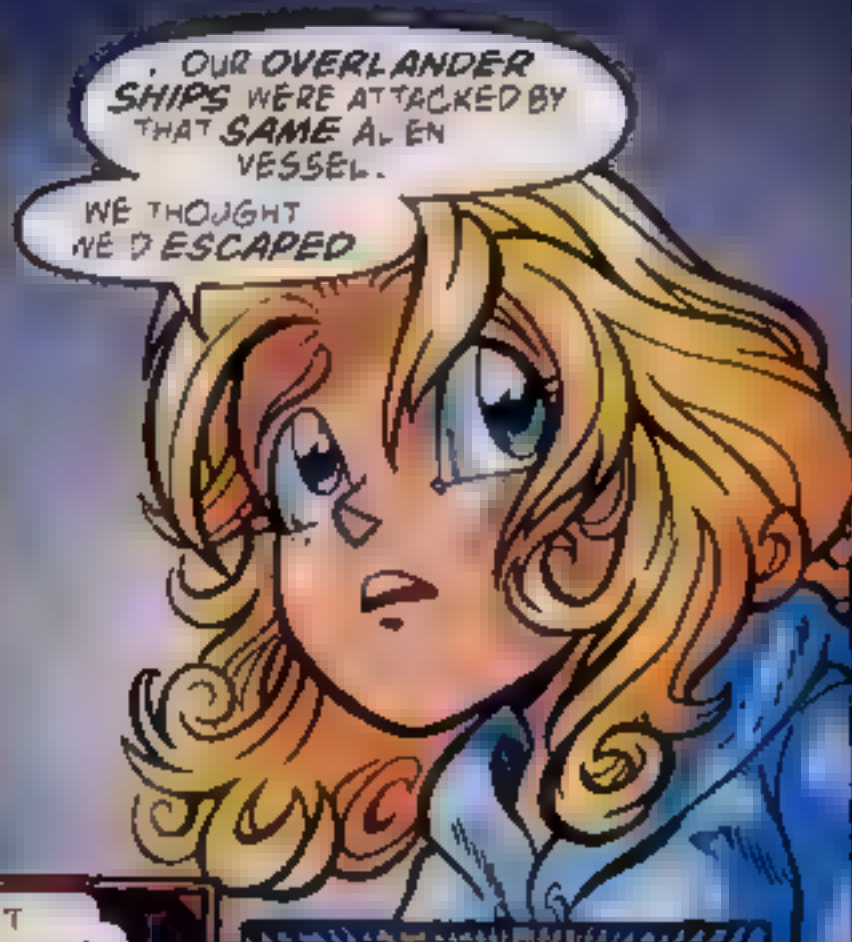
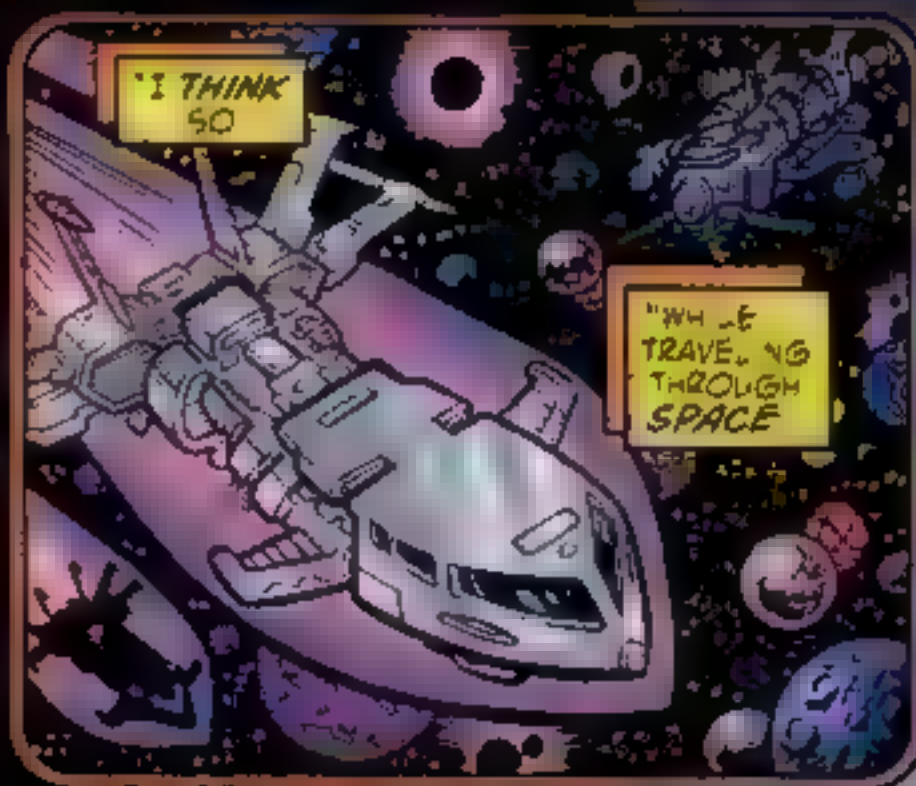


AND ANOTHER THING WHY'D IT TAKE THESE LOSERS OVER THREE-THOUSAND YEARS TO FIGURE OUT THEY BOTCHED THE JOB?



I--I--

--THINK I KNOW.



HAS DIED AND NOW STANDS
BEFORE AURORA, AWAITING
HIS FINAL FATE...

I ALREADY
LIVED MY LIFE
ONCE, AURORA...

--SO WHAT'S
WITH THE
RERLIN?

DOES IT END
DIFFERENTLY
THE SECOND TIME
AROUND?

AFTERLIFE

Part Four

ONLY YOU
CAN DETERMINE
THAT,
KNUCKLES!

WHY DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
HERE IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

I DID WHAT I
HAD TO!

I COULDN'T
LET DIMITRI
DIE!

COULD
I?

IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
COMMEMORATE THE DEARLY DEPARTED:
KEN PENDERGAST, SCRIPT & ART
ART MANWINNEY, PENDERGAST
VICKIE WILLIAMS, LETTERER
JIMMY COHEN'S, JUSTIN DABRE, ADVISOR
--IN RECALLING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
ELSA'S EMBELLISHED SONINA

YOU ARE WHAT
YOU ARE--

--THE SUM
TOTAL OF GENETICS,
TEACHINGS AND LIFE
EXPERIENCES!

WHEN YOUR BODY
BEGAN ITS SEASON
OF BIOLOGICAL
CHANGES--

"--ONLY THEN DID YOU BECOME
AWARE OF HOW SPECIAL
YOU TRULY ARE!

WHOA!

"WHEN DIMITRI LEARNED YOU
POSSESSED THE POWER CHAOS
DID HE SEE A MEANS TO REGAIN
THAT WHICH HE HAD LOST--

IF
KNUCKLES
DOES
INDEED
POSSESS
THE
POWER--

--I COULD BE RESTORED
TO MY FORMER SELF!

"-- ALL HE SUCCEEDED IN
ACCOMPLISHING WAS
ACCELERATING YOUR NATURAL
CHEMICAL PROCESSES...

"EACH TIME DANGER THREATENED, YOUR
INSTINCTS REACTED ACCORDINGLY...

"UNTIL FINALLY, YOU WERE PUSHED
FAR ENOUGH TO REACH **CRITICAL
MASS**, COMPLETING THE PROCESS."

FEELS
WEIRD--

--LIKE I'M
**BURNING
UP!**

SO WHAT WENT
WRONG?

JUST AS
ECHIDNAOPOLIS
WASN'T BUILT
IN A DAY--

--SO, TOO, DID YOU
NEED TIME TO BECOME
**ACCUSTOMED TO
YOUR ABILITIES!**

POWER TO RIVAL THE
ANCIENT WALKERS IS NOT
SOMETHING **EASILY MASTERED!**

IF I WAS--AM--
WHATEVER--**THAT**
POWERFUL--

--THEN
HOW COME I
DIED?

THINK OF YOURSELF
AS A **SUN** GOING
SUPERNOVA--

-- ONE FINAL
BURST BEFORE ITS
FLAME **EXTINGUISHES**
FOREVER!

YOU ARE STILL OF
THE **MORTAL**
COIL--

--WITH ALL THE
LIMITATIONS IT
ENTAILS!

AND NOW,
KNUCKLES--

--IT IS
TIME!

TIME?

TIME FOR
WHAT?

TO ADVANCE INTO THE
CHAOS FORCE AND TAKE
YOUR PLACE IN THE
COSMOS, NATURALLY!

THAT'S
IT?!!

I DON'T
GET ANY
SAY?!!

WHAT MORE
IS THERE TO
DISCUSS?
THERE IS
NO GREATER
CALLING!

WHAT ABOUT
THE REST OF
MY LIFE?

DON'T I GET TO GROW UP?
GO STEADY WITH **JUNE-SH**?
ANY OF THAT **JAZZ**?!!



I'M SORRY, KNUCKLES!
ONE
LIFE IS ALL
ANYONE
HAS!



THE PORTAL IS
OPENING!
YOU MUST
NOW STEP
THROUGH!



ONE THING!

YES?

CAN I AT
LEAST BECOME
MY NORMAL RED
SELF?

YOU DON'T
NEED ME FOR
THAT!



YOU'RE
RIGHT!!!
WHAT
A DUMMY
I AM!!



HARDLY THAT!

WILL
I SEE YOU
AROUND?

FROM TIME
TO TIME!
BUT FOR
NOW--



—FAREWELL!



"ONE LIFE IS ALL ANYONE HAS!"

HAH!
YOU ONLY
LIVE TWICE,
AURORA--

--YOU
KNOW
THAT!



NOT
EVERYONE
IS WORTHY
OF A
SECOND
CHANCE,
ATHAIR!



OF WHICH
YOU'RE WELL
AWARE!

YOU KNEW HE
WAS WORTHY FROM
THE START--

--SO WHY THE
CHARADE?



CHARADE,
ATHAIR?

YOU WERE A LOST SOUL
UNTIL THE WALKERS
PROVIDED GUIDANCE!

THAT IS ALL
I DID FOR HIM.



NOW
KNUCKLES
FINALLY KNOWS
HIS PATH!

WHAT NEXT?

THIS JUST IN!

Hey Sonic fans, How's that for a cliff-hanger!?!?

Did you enjoy the return of Shadow The Hedgehog? Or how about the confirmation of the planet Mobius' origin... that it was once called "Earth?" Now we, the readers, may have suspected, or known all along that it was Earth thousands of years in the future, but the characters didn't... at least not until this very issue. So where does that leave us for next issue? The answer: We will hit the ground running as Sonic Sally, the

Kingdom of Acorn and just about every other inhabitant of the planet Mobius band together to face the threat of the Xorda, including Dr. Robotnik himself. SONIC ADVENTURE 2.5-OMEGA will conclude the "Invasion" storyline and take Sonic to a whole new place. Written by Sonic regular, Karl Bollers... joined by artists Dave Manak, Andrew Depoy, Art Mawhinney, Pam Eklund, Nelson Ribeiro, Ron Lim, Jim Amash, Dawn Best, Josh and Aimee Ray, Steven Butler, J. Axer and Conor Tomas. Brilliant colors by Jensen! Cover by Patrick SPAZinate and Nelson Ribeiro, with colors by Spaz himself. All this, with a letter by Yuji Naka, makes SONIC #125 one must-have issue. Can't wait!

See you in four weeks for the Sonic Comic's 10th Anniversary Issue Extravaganza, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #125!

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